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GREENSBORO JEWISH FEDERATION

CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

WEEKEND

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DECEMBER 6-8, 2019



THE MAIN EVENT:

2020 FEDERATION CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 6:00 PM

at the Greensboro Historical Museum

Featuring a Greensboro Jewish Federation Town Hall discussion:

The Federation – Past, Present and Future

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CAMPAIGN KICKOFF EDITION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 7:00 PM

at the Bearded Goat at Revolution Mill



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:00 PM

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JEWISH FEDERATION



Welcome to the November/December issue of *Shalom Greensboro* magazine. The focus for this edition is success. The feature article, *The Art of Creating Community*, details three Federation programs and how they are helping to build and expand our community.

Also in this issue, we discuss the recent Mission to Berlin. For me, it was thought-provoking as we learned how the Berlin Jewish community is growing and thriving. Campaign Chair Raffi Simel reflects on his experience in his column. In addition, Marilyn Forman Chandler highlights *The Power of Missions* and how important it is to see our dollars at work. To learn more, visit www.shalomgreensboro.org/about-us/blogs.

I wish everyone a Happy Chanukah and a joyous 2020.

Sue Simmons, President
Greensboro Jewish Federation

CARDOZO SOCIETY Welcomes Justice Mark Davis to Federation



Justice Mark Davis with Nancy Brenner



CARDOZO SOCIETY

Speaking in depth about his recently published book, *A Warren Court of Our Own: The Exum Court and the Expansion of Individual Rights in North Carolina*, Justice Mark Davis kept audience members enthralled as he shared his insight and knowledge. Justice Davis also spoke about his experience as the first Jewish member of the Court.



Cardozo Society Chair Ryan Luft
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Jeri D'Lugin and Federation
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ON MY MIND: The Power of Missions

By Marilyn Forman Chandler, *Executive Director*



Marilyn Forman
Chandler

Almost 1,500 participants! From 1971 to 1991, our Federation has sponsored or participated in over 70 study missions overseas to Israel, Budapest, Prague, Moldova, Ukraine, Cuba, Ethiopia, Argentina, Berlin; and stateside to Washington, DC, Richmond, Charleston, Asheville, New York City and Philadelphia!

These study missions have included our Jewish community, family missions, women's and men's missions, the Greensboro interfaith community missions, national JFNA missions (or earlier UJA missions), General Assemblies and more. We have had phenomenal chair people who have led, recruited,

planned orientation sessions and itineraries, and conducted caucuses.

The purpose of the missions includes:

- Studying, reflecting, meeting and learning from people on the ground in the places we visit.
- Understanding the role our overseas and local partners, such as the JDC, JAFI and Hillel, play in building Jewish community, renewing and re-building Jewish life, especially for children, teens and young adults; and in sustaining and nurturing the vulnerable, particularly the elderly, including Holocaust survivors.
- Learning about the work of our national JFNA DC office, current legislation and issues related to Israel, tax reform, social welfare issues, support for Holocaust survivors, Jewish institution security funding.
- Creating deep relationships between participants who have had enriching and moving shared bonding experiences.
- Building up our Jewish community boards and general community boards, especially NCCJ and CFGG, who have been our partners for the past 25 years on interfaith missions and interfaith clergy missions.
- Learning about the history of U.S. Jewish communities and the impact by Jews on the development of those communities.

Funding for scholarships for the Israel trips has come directly from the Federation's annual program budget and additional funding for the interfaith missions has come from the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation. The Leon Levine Foundation from Charlotte also helped to fund Interfaith Clergy Missions and additional funding has come from private generous donors in Greensboro.

Perhaps you'd like to be participant number 1,501? Please let us know! Our mission chairs, Keith and Erin Rosen and Jen and Aaron Strasser will soon begin planning for our next adventure and we'd love to have you join us.

We have, and always will, value missions so deeply because we believe there is nothing more powerful than seeing, firsthand, our dollars at work. We hope you will take immense pride in all we have done for communities abroad, communities in need, and our community right here in Greensboro.

Everything we as a Federation do is powered by YOU. *SHANAH TOVAH!*



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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Jewish Moments Powered by You



Raffi Simel

On the Greensboro Jewish Federation's recent Mission to Berlin we saw a sign that reads, "Juden werden aus Gesangsvereinen ausgeschlossen." For those that don't speak German, these words refer to a 1933 ban on Jews singing together in groups.

There are a myriad of ways to confront the memory of the Holocaust. How do we live together in the world with a country like Germany, a country with such a recent history of destroying our people?

I imagine all of us live out different answers to that question and I'd be wrong to judge someone else's answer even if it differs from mine, but I do want to share what I believe to be the Federation's answer: We went to Berlin and we sang together.

“We went to Berlin and we sang together.”

We sang together with Jeremy and Rebecca, two young rabbis and the founders of Base Berlin, a product of Hillel International's Office of Innovation. We sang together at Shabbat Services with congregants at the once-destroyed Neue Synagoge ("New

Synagogue"). We sang together at Berlin-Grunewald station, the principle location for deporting Berlin Jews to concentration camps in the East.

Despite the threat of rising anti-Semitism in Germany and across Europe, Jewish Berlin is singing again. And regardless of whether you journeyed to Berlin or not, by giving to the Annual Campaign, YOU powered these songs.

Through your support of the Campaign, we witnessed first-hand that in a most surprising way, you've given song to an entire city (and country). Germany now has the fastest-growing Jewish community in the world. We heard how the JDC and IsraAID have helped Jewish refugees resettle and escape war and conflict in the Former Soviet Union. Better still, the local offices of these Jewish organizations are led by the refugees they've resettled. Nevatim, a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), is empowering young, social entrepreneurship all over Germany. Base Berlin (Hillel) is helping oft-excluded young Jews explore and define their own Jewish identities.

While we often speak much more about the work that the Federation is doing here in Greensboro, in Israel, and elsewhere in the world, it's important you know that through your Campaign gifts, you've given song back to a Jewish population that was once forced into silence.



One of eighty signs displaying a Nazi ordinance passed between 1933-1945 restricting the rights of Jews.

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STAY ACTIVE, STAY MOBILE: Meeting the Challenges of Mobility

Marlene Baruch, Congregational Nurse, believes that helping older adults stay mobile is a key part of a healthy lifestyle. Jewish Family Services (JFS) promotes programs and services that help people stay mobile.

Since 2015, JFS has offered Tai Chi and exercise classes and more than 80 adults have participated in these classes designed to enhance mobility.

“Helping older adults stay mobile is a key part of a healthy lifestyle.”

One participant said, “My balance is not very good and it was a good experience to learn how to do things to improve my balance and make me less likely to fall.” “Some adults need other kinds of assistance when it comes to mobility and staying active, such as accessing an electric wheelchair or scooter,” said Baruch, who indicated that people often experience obstacles in securing a mobility device. These obstacles can include high cost, insurance confusion, uncertainty about the physician’s role and even fear about learning to use the device.

One client who recently was assisted by JFS in acquiring a motorized wheelchair said, “I feel like a new person and it’s a wonderful feeling. Now I’m getting out more and seeing people I haven’t seen in a long time. Please tell everyone at JFS how pleased I am.”

Another aspect of staying mobile as an older adult includes driving safely and responsibly. Recently JFS hosted an AARP program called CarFit, which offered individual sessions with a trained instructor to help make personal vehicles ‘fit’ their owners. Dozens of older adults worked with an expert to determine the best ‘fit’ for them in their vehicles to increase safety and mobility. Twelve key areas were reviewed and checked.

The upcoming Tai Chi class begins on Tuesday, November 5. The class features 20 consecutive sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1-2 p.m. at JFS. To register, call (336) 852-4829.

TODAH RABAH

Thank you to the following people for contributions to Jewish Family Services. All contributions to JFS are used to support JFS programs and services and those in the Greensboro community unless otherwise specified by the donor.

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We apologize if we have missed anyone’s contribution. Please call Jewish Family Services (336) 852-4829 x222 if we missed you, and we will include you in the next issue. The minimum donation for each submission is \$10.00. Thank you.

JFS School Supply Collection A Huge Success



Scott Winslow, Judi Rossabi,
Dr. Deborah Parker, David Frazier

Donations of school supplies by the Greensboro Jewish community helped to provide supplies for students in need as the school year got underway this fall.

Dr. Deborah Parker, Principal of Irwin Montessori Elementary, said, "I could not believe my eyes when the school supplies were delivered. I was immediately drawn to the composition books. My teachers had just commented how helpful it would be if we had more of them for our students. The donation couldn't have come at a more perfect moment!"

Erwin Elementary students were relocated to Alamance Elementary following the tornado which damaged the school in April, 2018.

Scott Winslow, Principal of Alamance Elementary School, said, "We are so very grateful for community support that allows us to provide school supplies for our students to start the year."

Contact David Frazier, JFS Volunteer Coordinator, (336) 852-4829 x227 for more information or to donate additional school supplies.

Rosh Hashanah Senior Luncheon Inspires Participants and Volunteers

"This was a wonderful way to begin a new holiday season filled with joy and hopeful anticipation" said Maddie Reed at the annual Rosh Hashanah senior luncheon.

The Rosh Hashanah Senior Luncheon is a joint event of Jewish Family Services, Beth David Vatikim and Temple Emanuel Friendship Circle.

"What a tremendous experience it is to share both time and talent with a community that appreciates your efforts and rewards you with gracious smiles and warm hugs," said Steven Lewensohn. "When I volunteer for the Rosh Hashanah Senior Luncheon I know my efforts are appreciated by the people that attend and I feel that I have performed a mitzvah."

Wendy Lewensohn said "Volunteering for the past two Rosh Hashanah Senior Luncheons is something I like doing because I am supporting a very worthwhile effort to provide an enjoyable experience for Jewish community members and gives me a wonderful feeling of giving back."

Grant funding from Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors helped make this event possible and Well•Spring was the generous corporate sponsor. Guests enjoyed a wonderful festive meal prepared by Painted Plate.

Contact David Frazier, JFS Volunteer Coordinator (336) 852-4829 x227 to learn more about how you can volunteer. *Thank you to Ivan Saul Cutler for the beautiful photos.*



Grace Sheldon, Mary Beth Ebert



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PARTNERSHIP 2GETHER

SOUTHEASTERN CONSORTIUM AND HADERA-EIRON

FAST FACTS:

What is Partnership2Gether?

- Partnership2Gether was established in 1994 by the Jewish Agency for Israel as a program focused on people-to-people interaction, building community, and leadership.
- P2G, for short, currently connects approximately 550 Jewish communities in the Diaspora with 46 Israel Partnership areas.

What is special about our partnership?

- The Southeastern Consortium consists of 11 Jewish communities in the southeastern United States.
- Communities include: Charleston, Charlotte, Chattanooga, Flagler and Volusia Counties, Fort Myers, Greensboro, Gulf Coast, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Nashville, Richmond.
- The Hadera-Eiron Region consists of the City of Hadera, Pardes-Hanna-Karkur Menashe Regional Council, Alona Local Council and other smaller kibbutzim in Israel.

Mutual goals of all communities:

- Building a living bridge between communities, by educating Americans about Israel, and Israelis about Jewish life in the U.S.
- Building Jewish identity and acting as an extension of Jewish peoplehood.
- Neutral platform (apolitical) to engage with Israel – evolving nature of the American Jewish Community and Israel relations.

Upcoming Events:

- Leadership2Gether Retreat, November. *GJF is sending three young adults from Greensboro.*
- Educator's Delegation to Israel, December. *GJF is sending three educators from Greensboro.*
- Israeli Steering committee in Greensboro, February 16-18, 2020.
- Partnership Steering committee meeting, February 22-25, 2020 in St. Petersburg, FL.

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THE ART OF CREATING COMMUNITY

THREE FEDERATION PROGRAMS SHARE STORIES OF SUCCESS

Success. What does it look like? This past year Federation has started, progressed and completed many projects. Three that stand out are Greensboro Federation Leadership Institute (GFLI), Ignite's brainstorming on Attracting and Retaining Jewish Talent, and the new Partnership2gether (P2G) with Hadera, Israel. Although the programs are in various stages, they are all a success.



Tammi Thurm, moderator for the Ignite discussion noted the last session was heavily attended and everyone was focused on short and long term goals. "I believe

it's critical to continue a lively communication ... to look forward for the next generation of Jewish Greensboro." The group is developing a strategic marketing plan to attract people to Greensboro. The plan should be completed this year.

Some of the ideas look to target larger markets like New York City, Chicago or Los Angeles where the cost of living is on the rise. Another strategic change is who they plan to attract. The committee is broadening their reach to include retirees and young families — a shift from focusing on young singles.



Caren Appel recently moved to Greensboro and jumped in with the new project, P2G. The program seeks to build a global Jewish community. The

goal is to connect Israeli and global cities in hopes of bridging the gap of understanding and bringing people together through Judaism.

The partnership wasn't new to Caren because her former city, Jacksonville, Florida, also partners with Hadera. She and her family have had an opportunity to visit several times through the partnership. The trips include seeing local classrooms and meeting with residents.

One of the programs highlighted in the partnership

is an exchange program. Students from both cities spend a few weeks every summer in each other's home town. Caren believes "this creates everlasting bonds and makes us realize how much alike we are even though we live worlds away."



GFLI graduated its first class this summer. The program opened up a whole new world for Ashley Garcia. She started the program after relocating

from south Florida. "I didn't know what to expect," she remembers "it was so much more than I could have imagined." She credits her participation in GFLI with her increased involvement. This year she will be co-chairing kickoff, a role she would not have taken before the program.

The successes of GFLI extend to how the group works together. Some of the graduates meet monthly in what they have dubbed "The Future Leadership Roundtable." Ashley said they are a solutions oriented group. "We try to come up with ways we can address

issues in the community. Because we are a diverse group, we feel we can cover all the bases of whatever we are trying to tackle."

“Anytime people come together for the benefit of the whole, it's a success.”

All three projects share stories of success. Anytime people come together for the benefit of the whole, it's a success. Tammi has seen "that people are not only willing to listen but they want

to roll up their sleeves and dig in." Ashley also wants to dig in. "I love this community so much. It wasn't until we moved here that I felt part of something ... I want to continue to help make it what it is."

ON THE TOWN



PJ LIBRARY FAMILIES Celebrate Back to School

Celebrating the start of the school year, children and their families enjoyed arts and crafts, games, a sweet treat and an all-around good time. Twenty-three families, including 47 children, were in attendance and the joyful sounds of play and laughter filled the Bur-Mil Park shelter on a sunny afternoon. Children swapped PJ Library books with friends and families donated school supplies to help Guilford County students in need.



Volunteers from Temple Emanuel with JFS and GJF staff

High Holiday Food Drive Yields Big Results

Rabbi Andy Koren and Temple Emanuel members donated their time on a recent morning to deliver 4,186 pounds of food from Temple Emanuel's High Holiday drive. JFS and GJF staff were also on board to help unload the generous donations that were collected for the JFS Food Pantry. The JFS food pantry supports families who depend on the generosity of our community to put food on their tables.



Samuel Kniseley and two of his children helped unload the truck filled with food.



Thank you to Temple Emanuel for the generous donation of food for the JFS Food Pantry.





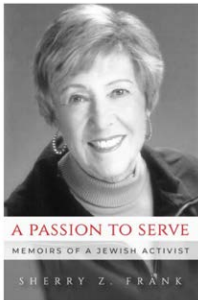
WOMEN'S
OPENING
brunch



Marilyn Forman Chandler thanks Quaintance Weaver Corp. and O.Henry Hotel



Amy Epstein, Karen Spira, Amy Gers, Barbara Boyette, Paula Justice, Jillian Reich



Enjoyed by all, the Women's Opening Brunch was a success with 122 women in attendance. The event, which was held at the O.Henry Hotel, featured author Sherry Z. Frank sharing stories from her book, *A Passion to Serve: Memoirs of a Jewish Activist*.

Thank you to O.Henry Hotel for a generous sponsorship of this event.



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Greensboro Jewish Federation Study Mission to BERLIN



“Our Federation believes that learning on-site is the best way to understand a place and the history of that place,” said Marilyn Forman Chandler, who, along with 32 other Greensboro Jewish community members, journeyed to Berlin in September.

The tour was rich with explorations of not only historical sites, but also of learning more about the contemporary Jewish community living in Berlin today and the Federation’s role in shaping this community.

To learn more about the mission to Berlin, Raffi Simel’s column on page three shares his insights and Marilyn’s column on page two provides an overview of the Federation’s study missions. Also, as a special bonus, visit www.shalomgreensboro.org/about-us/blogs for an in-depth analysis by Marilyn on the Study Mission to Berlin.



Back Row: Thomas Kessler, *ELNET Germany*, Elan Wetterschneider, *Da’at Tour Operator*, Matt Applebaum, Liz Applebaum, Keith Rosen, Freddy Siegel, Dana Schleien, Lenny Samet, Randall Kaplan, Raffi Simel, Aaron Strasser, Howard Mezer **Middle Row:** Erin Rosen, Ellen Samet, Susan Gutterman, Joe Strasser, Lee Pake, Wendy Pake, Gary Simmons, Sue Simmons, Whitney Kraus, Kathy Kraus, Eric Kraus, Norm Regal Alex Green, *Tour Guide*
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have found a satisfactory solution or answer. In the world of project-based learning, this is known as Sustained Inquiry.

This method allows students to achieve incredible successes both in and out of the classroom. For example, the Kindergarten class has become Citizen Scientists who collect wildlife data on school grounds and send it to organizations such as the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) and the Audubon Society. While older students are able to become educated on important issues they feel passionate about, such as food insecurity, environmental protection and immigration.

In preschool, project-based learning is prevalent through play. While adults learn through listening and talking, toddlers and young children learn through doing things with their hands, or play.

Success can be seen in many different ways at B'nai Shalom. These success stories go beyond good academic standings and will be lessons that will stay with each child throughout their lives.

BBYO Welcomes New Greensboro City Director



Perri Hoyt

BBYO Eastern Region is excited to welcome Perri Hoyt, as the new Greensboro BBYO City Director. Perri is an alum of Eastern Region from Raleigh and comes with a wealth of experience that will benefit the Greensboro BBYO community. Perri is an alum of Elon University and holds a Masters in Social Work from Boston University.

Perri shared "I am super excited for this opportunity to work with Greensboro youth. I'm looking forward to giving back to an organization that gave so much to me as a teen!"

Greensboro BBYO had a great start to the year with seven new members and engaging teen-led programming by chapter presidents Harry Firestone and Lana Torres.

BBYO is a global Jewish youth movement for 8th-12th graders where teens can do good things together, build lifelong friendships and explore their Jewish identity. For more information about upcoming events and how to get your teen involved with over 600 members across the Carolinas, email Perri, phoyt@bbyo.org.

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CAROLINA FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH SENIORS: Pilot Program Helps Jewish Seniors in New Bern

Taking care of the elderly has always been an important Jewish value. Greensboro's Jewish seniors enjoy a number of great resources and programs geared to their needs. Other communities in the Carolinas are not nearly as lucky.

"I don't know of many other local Jewish communities that are able to provide important services like a community nurse, a social worker or transportation to its seniors," says Wendee Cutler, Executive Director of the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (CFJS). "And that's exactly what we're hoping to change."

Supporting the senior Jewish population is the primary goal of CFJS - and not just in Greensboro, but throughout the Carolinas. By leveraging an existing grant relationship with the Raleigh-Cary Jewish Family Services (JFS), the foundation is now able to fund much-needed services to Jewish seniors in New Bern, North Carolina.

"We're excited to introduce Nancy Becker, BSW, MS as our new Senior Services Case Manager for the New Bern program," says Limor Schwartz, MSW, LCSW, Director of Raleigh-Cary JFS.

The organization has a proven track record of serving people in the Raleigh area. The pilot, which has been in the works for more than a year, is an opportunity to establish this first remote program.

As part of the program, Becker will provide case management and social services to a community with a growing need and a shortage of existing resources. And, if all goes well, the pilot could be expanded to cover additional eastern North Carolina communities.

Contact Wendee Cutler, Executive Director, Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors, wcutler@carolinajewishseniors.org or call (336) 854-8400.

SHABBAT STARTS HERE: Bringing Community Together



Temple Emanuel has many wonderful events. One of the most successful is "Shabbat Starts Here." The program aims to bring community together through prayer, food and education.

The program includes a Kabbalat Shabbat service, dinner and a guest speaker. After dinner, participants are able to learn from the guest speaker through a presentation and a question and answer session.

Rabbi Fred Guttman is very proud of "Shabbat Starts Here." He said it "has been one of our most successful programs."

Last year the Temple invited three different speakers to the event. Justin Outling, discussed his vision for Greensboro's future, Rabbi Judy Schindler discussed the role of social justice within Reform congregations, and Professor Jonathan Zasloff of UCLA School of Law explained his research on voter suppression in North Carolina.

The series will resume on November 22 with Doron Ezickson from the Anti-Defamation League. He will discuss the stark rise of anti-Semitism. On March 13, Cantor Tracy Fishbein from Nashville will lead services and a discussion on Jewish music. Then on May 15, Professor Nancy MacLean from Duke University will speak about her new book, *Democracy in Chains*.

"We are very proud of what we've accomplished with this program and we look forward to another great year" said Rabbi Guttman. "Shabbat Starts Here" is open to the community to pray, eat and learn together.

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ELON HILLEL receives Hazon Seal of Sustainability



“*Tikkun Olam*, which means to repair the world, is a Jewish value that I live by every day,” said Hannah Greenfader. “Helping bring the Hazon Seal of Sustainability to Elon Hillel means that I have left a small lasting impact on the Hillel community.”

Greenfader is referring to Elon Hillel's new recognition as recipient of the Hazon Seal of Sustainability, which certifies a Jewish organization's commitment to sustainable values and practices with regard to food and environmental practices, treatment of animals, and impact on climate change. Elon Hillel is the only Jewish organization in North Carolina to receive this recognition.

Students Greenfader and Sydney Solomon worked with campus rabbi Sandra Lawson to apply for recognition to Hazon. According to Rabbi Lawson, “Jewish tradition teaches us to care for our planet so that we can preserve that which God has created. Hazon gives us a roadmap so that we will become healthier and more sustainable.”

Hillel made great strides to actualize environmentally sustainable practices and policies during the 2018-19 year. Initiatives include ensuring that all disposable flatware and tableware is compostable, making a range of permanent reusable cooking and dining implements available in the Sklut Hillel Center's kitchen and providing more vegetarian and vegan food options at events.

New projects involving reusable water bottles and a partnership to feed students locally-grown produce are in the works.

Sydney Solomon '18 explained, “This way, our Hillel is making a promise to be better for the planet. It makes me so happy to know Elon Hillel is staying true to the values of compassion and selflessness by doing what is right for the health of the Earth.”



Hannah Greenfader at Hillel

ADULTS MASTER HEBREW READING in Just Five Lessons



There sometimes seems to be an invisible line in the Jewish community, separating those who have the good fortune to read Hebrew and those who don't. To many adults, the thought of mastering the 22 letters and 9 vowels of written Hebrew seems like a dream, an opportunity missed in childhood never to return.

Pam was one such person, but she was determined to learn to read from the Siddur. She took part in Chabad of Greensboro's “Read It in Hebrew” course, produced by the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI). After just five lessons she was reading, haltingly at first, but smoother and faster as she gained fluency.

David, another participant in the course, had learned Hebrew as a child and was familiar with some of the prayers, but found it difficult to follow along in the Hebrew side of the Siddur. He signed up for the course hoping to bridge the gap between his childhood education and current wish to participate in services. By the end of the fifth lesson, he was delighted to discover that he was able to keep up with the congregation, steadily reading the prayers.

“Most of the courses I teach are about assimilating information and gaining new perspective, and it is hard to measure our success,” notes course instructor Rabbi Yosef Plotkin. “In this case, the proof is in the pudding. People are reading Hebrew and are excited to take part in the High Holiday services in the original language!”

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CREATIVE CONNECTING a Success for JTRIAD



“We have welcomed a lot of new members from Winston-Salem,” according to Beth Mannella, Co-chair, JTriad, who added, “It has been really exciting to see growth of Jewish young professionals across the Triad.

JTriad members connect in a variety of ways with events that continue to be successful. One example is the Jewish Kickball Team, *The Hebrew Nationals*, which recently had a 12-1 win.



“Kickball has been a great way to meet fellow

Jewish young professionals who enjoy taking a break from work/careers to kick a ball around like in elementary school,” said Rebecca Levy, who serves on the JTriad Board and plays on the kickball team.

A Shabbaton was held in early August in Boone, NC, which was a huge success. Close to 15 people came together and spent Shabbat in the mountains, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Everyone arrived Friday afternoon and had Shabbat dinner together. On Saturday, some group members went on a hike, while others explored the town of Blowing Rock. There were bonfires and s’mores on both Friday and Saturday nights. The weekend concluded with a Sunday brunch and everyone pitched in to help clean up, according to Levy.

JTriad is run by a small committee of dedicated volunteers and is supported by the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel of Greensboro, Temple Emanuel of Winston Salem, and Beth David Synagogue.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Jewish Foundation of Greensboro presents
Financial Planning for Families with Young Children
8 - 9:30 a.m. B'nai Shalom Day School
What Every Parent Needs to Know.
Featuring Blaire Davidowitz McClanahan, Sam Cone and Leigh Anne Kasias.
Moderated by Freddy Robinson. Admission is free, open to the community.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

TE Shred Your Sensitive Documents!
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Temple Emanuel
Just \$5 per bag or box (banker-sized); all proceeds benefit Temple Emanuel Religious School.

Jewish Community Blood Drive

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. TE Jefferson Rd Campus
Call (336) 852-4829 for more info

TE March of the Living Fundraiser Concert

7:30 p.m. TE Jefferson Rd Campus
Concert featuring Israeli American cellist, Amit Peled, accompanied by pianist Solomon Eichner. Cost is \$25/ person. All proceeds help students attend MOTL.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

TE A Taste of Judaism® Course
7 p.m. TE Jefferson Rd Campus
Free, three session class on Judaism for people of all faith, family, and cultural backgrounds taught by Rabbi Fred Guttman. Class also meets November 19, & 26.

Chabad New Six Week Course: Worrier to Warrior

Tuesday Evenings Nov. 12 - Dec. 17
Wednesday afternoons Nov. 13 - Dec. 18
Chabad Greensboro

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Hadassah 'Dealing with Life Challenges'
10 a.m. - 12 noon Federation Building
Featuring Margie Miller, President of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Free admission. Contact Carole Kaplan (336) 339-2899 or caroleknc@yahoo.com for more info.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

JTriad Friendsgiving Shabbat Dinner
More info www.facebook.com/JTriad336

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

BD Bingo
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Beth David

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

TE "Shabbat Starts Here"
6:30 p.m. TE Jefferson Rd Campus
Shabbat service followed by a catered dinner with special guest speaker, Doron Ezikson, Regional Director from the Anti-Defamation League. Reservations required. More info www.tegreensboro.org/events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BD Out of the Garden
2 - 3:30 p.m. Lindley Elementary School
Help distribute food to those in need.

BD StreetWatch

4 - 5:30 p.m. 211 South Greene Street
Serve food to those in need in downtown Greensboro. Sign up for above programs at www.bethdavidsynagogue.org

JTriad Sunday Brunch in Winston-Salem

More info www.facebook.com/JTriad336

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Hadassah Trivia Night
6 p.m. World of Beer, Westover Terrace
Contact Marilyn Cherry for more info (336) 509-2642

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

GJF Shabbat Dinners
Sign up to host or join in a Shabbat dinner with other members of the community. Come together and help to create community by joining for a Shabbat dinner.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

GJF Jews & Brews, Campaign Kickoff edition
7 p.m. Bearded Goat @Revolution Mill

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

GJF Campaign Kickoff Main Event
6 p.m. Greensboro Historical Museum
Featuring a Greensboro Jewish Federation Town Hall discussion: The Federation - Past, Present and Future

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Hadassah Evening at the Butterfly Effect
7 - 9 p.m. 3319 Sandy Ridge Rd in Colfax
Shop for Chanukah, wine and cheese
Admission is free. Contact Arlene Henza for more info (336) 209-6016

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

GJF Matching Gift Telethon
10 a.m. - noon Federation Building
Volunteers needed! Register to volunteer by calling (336) 852-5433 x233.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

TE Friendship Circle's Chanukah Lunch
12 noon TE Jefferson Rd Campus
Friendship Circle Chanukah lunch and program. Cost \$5/person. RSVP to Brenda Henley (336) 292-7899 or bhenley@tegreensboro.org

For complete information on all upcoming events in our community, visit the Jewish Community Calendar at www.shalomgreensboro.org.



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